

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 25TH, 2012 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 25th day of October, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef is a resident of the City of North Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef began volunteering in 1984, joining the United States Power Squadrons in the Tonawandas and was awarded the "Member Achievement Award" in 1996 for outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef became the Commander of the Swiftwater Power Squadron in 1993, serving the western two-thirds of the State of New York and was awarded the "Commanders Cup" in 1994 for his outstanding leadership; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef joined the Elks Lodge #860 in 1990 and has served in many capacities, most recently as Chairman of the Building Committee with the objective of locating and renovating a new home for the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef is a member of the Niagara River Yacht Club serving as an officer and a member of the Board of Directors, Co-Editor of the monthly newsletter "The Lighthouse" and has donated approximately 40-50 hours on work parties for Spring "Clean-Up" and Fall "Close-Up" for many years; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef was a member of the Waterfront Commission in North Tonawanda for seven years, serving to improve and promote the Erie Canal and the Niagara River; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef and his family were named "The Western New York Boating Family of the Year" in 2000 by the International Order of the Blue Gavel; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Denef is the dedicated President of Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Lawrence Denef upon being named the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas' Citizen of the Year 2012 and for his dedication to the community of the Tonawandas.

Kevin R. Hardwick.
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County